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The attached memorandum was requested by [redacted] for Randolph Bell, who intended to use the data in preparing a briefing for Richard Perle.

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Office of European Analysis  
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13 June 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Randolph Bell  
OSD/ISP/EUR and NATO

FROM : [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT : Statistics on Soviet Reservations in the  
Berlin Air Corridors

1. The following are statistics on Soviet airspace reservations per your request as relayed to me through [REDACTED] 25X1  
[REDACTED] The short time frame did not allow for the production of graphics.

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2. So far this month, the Soviets have notified two reservations. They cancelled the first, which was scheduled for 10-11 June. The second was notified on 11 June to take place between 2000 and 0200 hours on 12-13 June. As of now, we do not know whether the reservation was implemented.

3. Five reservations were implemented in May 1985 (15, 17, 20, 24, and 25 May), for a total duration of 12.5 hours. In May 1983, four reservations were implemented (30 hours) and in May 1984, two were implemented (10 hours). All five reservations in May 1985 included geographic limits of 10.5 miles at the end of the corridors. Four of the five covered only two corridors; one covered all three. Advance notification -- which had averaged 23 hours between January and April (in contrast to 18 hours during the same period last year) -- averaged 22.45 hours in May 1985, but included a wide range of specific times (19, 18, 41, 12.5, and 21.75 hours). The US Mission in West Berlin noted that there was little flight activity between mid-April and 10 May, probably due to troop rotations and the VE day observances.

4. Between January and May 1985, the Soviets implemented 34 reservations, as compared to 39 during the same period last year and 41 in 1983. The duration of reservations has declined markedly: 125.5 hours in 1985, versus 261 in 1984 and 307.5 in 1983. A higher percentage of Soviet reservations are using less than three corridors. Between January and April 1985, 58 percent covered all three, as opposed to 83 percent during the same period in 1984. So far this year, 26 percent of reservations have been for one corridor, as opposed to only 7 percent last year.

5. If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

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